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Subject: End of Day -- February 6, 2017

MEDIA

Press release issued: CAA 112(r) settlement with Pitman Farms: U.S. EPA commits Sanger, Calif., poultry processor to protect workers, local community from risk of chemical releases (Contact: Soledad Calvino, Michele Huitric)

- **Central Valley Business Times:** Sanger poultry plant to make changes to settle EPA complaint

The Point Reyes Light (Anna Guth) [Received 2/2] – CLOSED 2/6 – Reporter is doing story on restoration work being performed by the National Park Service in Drakes Estero and wants to know what is EPA's assessment of the project. Provided written response to reporter's follow-up questions. WTR, Michele Huitric

San Francisco Chronicle (J.K. Dineen) [Received 2/3] – OPEN – Reporter is doing a story on the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site and has questions about status of cleanup and investigation into Tetra Tech allegations. DDL: 2/7 -- SFUND, Michele Huitric

Sierra Sun (Amanda Rhoades) [Received 2/6] – OPEN – Reporter is asking whether changes in EPA under Trump administration will impact Lake Tahoe. DDL: Have asked reporter for deadline and specific questions. Michele Huitric

Freelance reporter (Beth Winegarner) [Received 2/6] – OPEN – Reporter is researching a possible article about Superfund sites in Silicon Valley. In follow-up to an earlier request about the impact of EPA's funding freeze on cleanups, she has now requested a list of current Superfund cleanups underway in Silicon Valley, particularly Santa Clara County. DDL: 2/10. SFUND, Michele Huitric

KPIX CBS (Abby Sterling) [Received 1/26]—OPEN—Reporter requested an on camera interview or a response statement regarding some information she received on the UIC issue from CIPA. Asked reporter to clarify statement she is looking for a response for. Working on response statement. Unable to provide on camera interview. Her story is to air next Thursday. DDL 2/8. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi

Desert Sun (Ian James) [Received 1/13/17]—OPEN—Reporter looking for statistics on volume of cross-border shipments of hazardous waste, including e-waste, transferred to other countries. Working on gathering numbers. DDL 2/10. LND, Nahal Mogharabi

Princeton University (Lauren Wodarski) [Received 1/19/2017] – OPEN -- Student researching senior thesis wants to speak with staff regarding EPAs Superfund work and public outreach in Nevada. Getting additional details and identifying possible EPA experts. DDL week of 2/6. SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi/Margot Perez-Sullivan

WEB

Web Updates:

Federal Green Challenge – Published new webinar information on our [Federal Green Challenge](#) pages.

Online Updates:

Ethics – Posted two charts that address Hatch Act and ethics issues which were linked to in the all-hands [Ethics Reminders for EPA Employees](#) email that was sent out today.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Hawaii State Senator Mike Gabbard – A call has been set up for Wed., Feb. 8 with Land Div. Dir. Jeff Scott and State Senator Mike Gabbard for an informational meeting on the Red Hill Navy fuel storage facility AOC in relation to state proposed underground tank rules. An in person meeting is confirmed for a time slot offered by Gabbard's office for Wed., Feb 15 at 11 am Hawaii time. OPEN. Dean Higuchi

This Week - U.S. Senate: The full Senate is expected to vote this week on Scott Pruitt's nomination to head EPA, though no date has been scheduled. Pruitt was approved by the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee (EPW) that oversees EPA only after the panel's GOP leadership suspended procedural rules to allow a vote after Democrats boycotted the meeting over concerns that Pruitt has not provided full, substantive responses to their questions and requests for documents. Nonetheless, he is expected to win confirmation thanks to strong support in the GOP caucus, as well as from at least one Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV). – *Inside EPA*

District Office Meeting/Call with Rep. Julia Brownley (D-CA-26) Staff: Brent Maier coordinated and participated via teleconference along with our Southern California Field Office Director Steven Leonido-John who visited the District Office for a "meet & greet" with the Congresswoman's District Director Carina Armento and Robert Dougherty, the Congresswoman's Environmental LA in DC. We were joined via teleconference by Superfund's Richard Hiett, Rusty Harris-Bishop, and RPM Wayne Praskins who will update their office on work at the Halaco Superfund Site and RPM Holly Hadlock who will update their office on the Pacific Coast Pipeline Superfund Site. We provided their office with some information on our Brownfields and EPA Grant Programs. The Congresswoman's Office requested a list of all EPA grants provided to the Congresswoman's 26th Congressional District over the past couple of years. Brent has reached out to our Grants Office to request a grants report that can be shared with the Congresswoman's office.

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA-9): At the request of ORA's Amy Miller, Brent Maier has reached out to Congressman McNerney's Stockton District Office to set up a meeting with the Congressman's District Director Alisa Alva for Tuesday, February 14th at either 11:00am or 1:00pm for Amy to meet with staff and discuss with them EPA's work and priorities. Awaiting word back as to their availability to meet with Alexis and Amy.

Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA-28): Brent Maier and Superfund Division's Rebecca Connell and Carlin Hafiz had a call with Pamela Marcello in the Congressman's District Office regarding their interest in having us participate in a conference call with Atwater Community Advisory Group officials at the San Fernando Valley Operable Unit #2. The Congressman's staffer was hopeful that Rebecca Connell could attend a Neighborhood Council meeting on Thursday, February 9th as a follow-up to her initial vapor infusion presentation at last month's council meeting, but unfortunately is not able to participate on this date. Our offer to Ms. Marcello was to make ourselves available to the Atwater Advisory Community Group and once Ms. Marcello discusses this option with them, we will work to set up a conference call with Rebecca's participation so she can understand the community's concerns and answer questions they may have.

Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-42): Today, Congressman Ken Calvert visited EPA HQ to meet with HQ managers to discuss EPA programs and budget needs. This meeting was coordinated by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's Ed Walsh with the participation of other HQ Offices and senior managers. Region 9 provided biographical and Superfund-related information at HQ request in advance of this meeting.

Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-CA-38): A new incoming letter to EPA from Congresswoman Linda Sanchez regarding a constituent's health concerns with emissions from the Chevron Terminal was controlled to Region 9 for development of a response. Brent Maier shared a copy of this letter with Superfund Division's Enrique Manzanilla, Dan Meer, Kay Lawrence and Rusty Harris-Bishop. The incoming letter has been assigned to Kay Lawrence and the signature level for our response will be Superfund Division Director and has a due date for final response of February 16, 2017. A copy of the incoming inquiry is available upon request.

Rep. Doug Lamalfa (R-CA-1): Brent Maier received a follow up inquiry from the Congressman's Auburn District Director Lisa Mara who asked us to check on the status of an additional P3 grant for Chico State University. The additional P3 Grant Lisa inquired about is P3 Phase II - #SU836930 - Cal State University Chico - Biofiltration of Storm Runoff in Small Urban Areas. Brent has reached out to EMD's Matt Small and HQ contact Kelly Widener to check on the status and is awaiting an update to share with the Congressman's staffer.

Congressional Outreach on Pittman Farms Settlement Action: Brent Maier shared today's press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Rep. David Valadeo announcing a settlement with Pitman Farms, Inc. for violations of federal chemical safety and reporting requirements following three ammonia releases at its poultry processing facility located in Sanger, Calif. Pitman Farms, which sells poultry from its Sanger facility under the brand name Mary's Free Range Chicken, will pay a \$242,980 civil penalty and perform two local environmental projects valued at nearly \$200,000.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) and Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ): Brent Maier received from Sen. Jeff Flake's Melanie Lehnhardt a message that on Friday, February 3, 2017, Senators Flake and McCain sent a letter to Acting Administrator McCabe regarding the financial responsibility for hard rock mining provision of CERCLA. Ms. Lehnhardt attached a PDF copy of the letter for our reference. Brent shared a copy of this letter with Superfund Division's Enrique Manzanilla, Clancy Tenley, Dana Barton, John Hillenbrand, and Rusty Harris-Bishop. The letter is being assigned to HQ OLEM for response and no Region 9 action is required. A copy of the incoming letter is available upon request.

Tomorrow – Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - House Committee on Science, Space & Technology: Holding a hearing on "Making EPA Great Again." It will focus on committee chairman Rep. Lamar Smith's (R-TX) long-standing push to overhaul the science and scientific processes EPA uses when crafting regulations, focused on climate change policies and the agency's Science Advisory Board. Witnesses include: The Honorable Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Partner, Bracewell LLP; Dr. Kimberly White, Senior Director, Chemical Products and Technology, American Chemistry Council; The Honorable Rush Holt, CEO, American Association for the Advancement of Science; and Dr. Richard Belzer, Independent Consultant. 11:00am ET. <https://science.house.gov/legislation/hearings/full-committee-hearing-making-epa-great-again>

Tomorrow – Tuesday, February 7, 2017 - House Judiciary Committee: During a February 7th hearing, the House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to mark up the 2017 version of a GOP-backed bill barring government officials from entering settlements in civil enforcement actions that require "a donation to be made to any person by any party (other than the United States) to such agreement." State environment agencies have raised fears that the bar as written **would cripple EPA's practice of sending funding to them for supplemental environmental projects** and certain natural resource damage projects through federal settlements. <https://judiciary.house.gov/markup/markup-h-r-732-stop-settlement-slush-funds-act-2017/>

Tomorrow - Tuesday – Wednesday, February 7 – 8, 2017 - National League of Cities to Host Fly-In: On February 7th and 8th, the National League of Cities (NLC) is hosting a fly-in to Washington, DC for state municipal leagues and their elected official presidents. This event is being hosted as the first opportunity for the local officials to engage with new Members of Congress, and officials from the new Administration on priority issues for the communities they represent. Priorities include the economy, infrastructure, and public safety. City leaders will discuss, among other topics, the importance of a strong intergovernmental partnership and the role of local governments in designing innovative solutions to address the nation's challenges. NLC has extended an invitation for EPA Administrator nominee Scott Pruitt to address the meeting participants and discuss EPA's priorities for the new Administration. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Upcoming Congressional and Intergovernmental Meetings/Hearings:

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (SEPW): The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works will hold a hearing entitled “Oversight: Modernizing our Nation’s Infrastructure.” 10:00am ET. Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Witnesses: William Panos, Wyoming Department of Transportation director; Michael McNulty, general manager, Putnam Public Service District in West Virginia; Cindy Bobbitt, Grant County, Okla., commissioner; Anthony Pratt, Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control administrator and president of the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association; and Shailen Bhatt, Colorado Department of Transportation executive director.
<http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=82518667-E24B-4CB5-BAFC-35B3FAE0D372>

Thursday, February 9, 2017 - Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: The Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management will hold a hearing to examine problems facing federal managers. The Subcommittee will explore common sense federal workforce reform ideas that build on these strengths and solve workforce challenges. This hearing will provide a forum for federal managers and senior executives with extensive experience managing federal civil servants to discuss government-wide ideas for improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the civil service. Witnesses: J. David Cox, Sr., National President, American Federation of Government Employees; Robert E. Corsi, Jr., Former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services, United States Air Force; Bill Valdez, President, Senior Executives Association; and Renee M Johnson, National President, Federal Managers Association. SD 342, Dirksen Senate Office Building. 10:00am ET. <https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/hearings/empowering-managers-ideas-for-a-more-effective-federal-workforce>

Thursday – Friday, February 9 – 10, 2017 - Good Neighborhood Environmental Board: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92- 463, notice is hereby given that the Good Neighbor Environmental Board will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 9 and Friday, February 10, 2017 in Imperial Beach, California. **Federal Register Document:** [2017-02146](#) **Citation:** 82 FR 8936 [PDF](#) Pages 8936-8937 (2 pages)

Thursday, February 16, 2017 - EPA HQ to Meet with Silicon Valley Clean Water Authority: On Thursday, February 16th, HQ Office of Water staff will join OIR and Region IX (by telephone) in a meeting with Water Authority representatives Matt Anderson, CFO, and Daniel Child, General Manager, to discuss a water infrastructure and implementation project. The Water Authority believes that this project may be eligible to apply for WIFIA funding. Washington representatives for the Water Authority, and other local Water Authorities in California, met with EPA on January 30th for dialogue ahead of DC visits these local officials are planning. The WIFIA program is designed to accelerate investment in the nation’s water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects. Generally, the projects for consideration should have a projected cost of \$20 million or greater. The WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was published in the Federal Register on January 10. Per an established protocol, the Office of Water is making appropriate designated headquarters staff available for meetings with local officials seeking WIFIA funds. The deadline for submitting these letters is April 10th. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Tuesday – Friday, February, 24 – 27, 2017 - National Governors’ Association Annual Winter Meeting: The National Governors’ Association will host its annual winter meeting February 24-27 in Washington, DC. NGA is Chaired by Governors Terry McAuliffe (VA) and Vice-Chair Brian Sandoval (NV). One plenary session will focus on “Promoting State Solutions in Species Preservation, Conservation Management and Energy Expansion,” but speakers have not yet been announced. At this time, NGA has not reached out to EPA for participation. A request by the Western Governors’ Association (WGA) for a breakfast meeting with EPA and other Cabinet-level officials is pending with EPA’s leadership. OCIR Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz